

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2008**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on December 2, 2008 at 6:23 p.m. by Vice Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Worthington, Vitas, Young

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Wilfred Wong, Community Development Director; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 4, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ITEM III: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Variance - 415 Grass Valley Highway (Sears' Sign Variance) - File # VA 08-5.** The applicant requests approval of a Sign Variance to co-locate a ± 29 square foot Sears' sign on the existing ± 90 square foot Staples' monument sign in the Regional Commercial (C-3) Zone.

Director Wong presented the staff report. In 1995 the Planning Commission approved a Variance for a Sears' sign. The Variance approval was contingent upon several Conditions of Approval. Specifically, a condition required building facade improvements. The variance expired six months after the approval date.

Sears is currently owned and operated by a new owner. The new owner proposes to add a Sears' sign to be placed on the Staples' monument sign and has re-applied for a Variance to permit the Sears' signage. At the present time, staff would prefer that the applicant upgrade the sign rather than complete the facade improvements. The

applicant is willing to upgrade the base of the monument sign and has included five upgrade options. Staff prefers the upgrades as shown in Option No. 5.

Comm. Spokely asked if Option 5 provides room for additional signage below the Sears' sign.

Director Wong replied that it is a possibility.

The public hearing was opened. There were no comments from the audience. The public hearing was closed.

Comm. Young **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 08-25 to approve the Sign Variance authorizing the co-location of a ±29 square foot Sears' sign on the ±90 square foot Staples' monument sign (File # VA 08-5), as presented in the staff report. Sign upgrade Option No. 5 was chosen by the Planning Commission.

Comm. Spokely **SECONDED**.

AYES: Nardini-Hanson, Spokely, Vitas, Young, Worthington
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

The motion was approved.

ITEM V: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
None.
- B. Future Planning Commission Meetings
Meetings are planned for December 16, 2008 and January 6, 2009.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VI: PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM VII: FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM VIII: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant